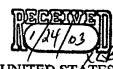
01/24/2003 16:52

408-5174856

PSUC CIP

PAGE 02/09

Official



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

Michael Epstein

PHA 23.548

Serial: 09/211,155

Group Art Unit: 2134

Filed: 12/14/1998

Examiner: CALLAHAN, PAUL E

BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION MECHANISM THAT PRESERVES THE INTEGRITY OF THE BIOMETRIC INFORMATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002 please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3, amend Claims 1, 9, 18 and 20 as follows, where a marked-up version of the amended Claims 1, 9, 18 and 20 is attached as Appendix A: